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SPORTS

C-1, C-2 canoe races slated for this weekend



The 2010 Spike's Challenge – a weekend of canoe racing that includes both C-1 (one-person) and C-2 (two-person) events – is slated for July 17-18.

Many AuSable River Canoe Marathon teams will use the Spike's Challenge C-2 race as a warm-up event. The Spike's Challenge features a start that is similar to the AuSable Marathon – teams line up in the street and run to the river, entering the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop – and the race gives paddlers and spectators a daytime look at the first four checkpoints of the 120-mile Grayling-to-Oscoda event slated for July 24. The Spike's Challenge C-2 race starts in the morning (9 a.m.) and the AuSable Marathon starts at night (9 p.m.). Pg. 13

Black Bear could feature more than 350 riders



While most early Sunday mornings find few people in downtown Grayling, in the early morning hours of July 25 the area will teem with over 500 riders, family and friends for the start of the 2010 Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour.

"It's pretty impressive," said Fred Fisher III, Rotarian and co-chair for the event. He noted that this year's entries include not only Michigan riders but riders and visitors from Washington, Arizona, Tennessee, Illinois, Colorado, South Carolina, Indiana and Ohio.

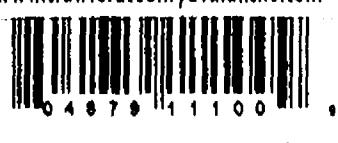
The riders depart in front of The Bicycle Shop and head for North Down River Road on the way to Oscoda, located at the mouth of Lake Huron. Pg. 12

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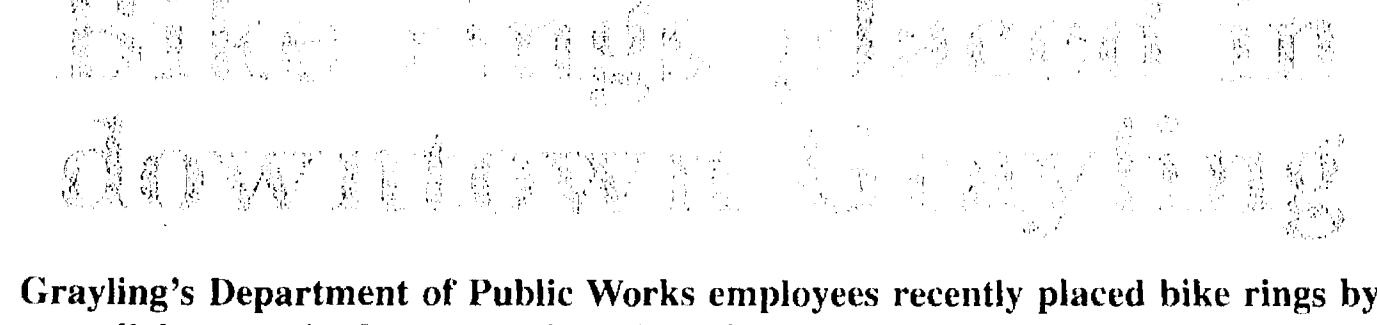
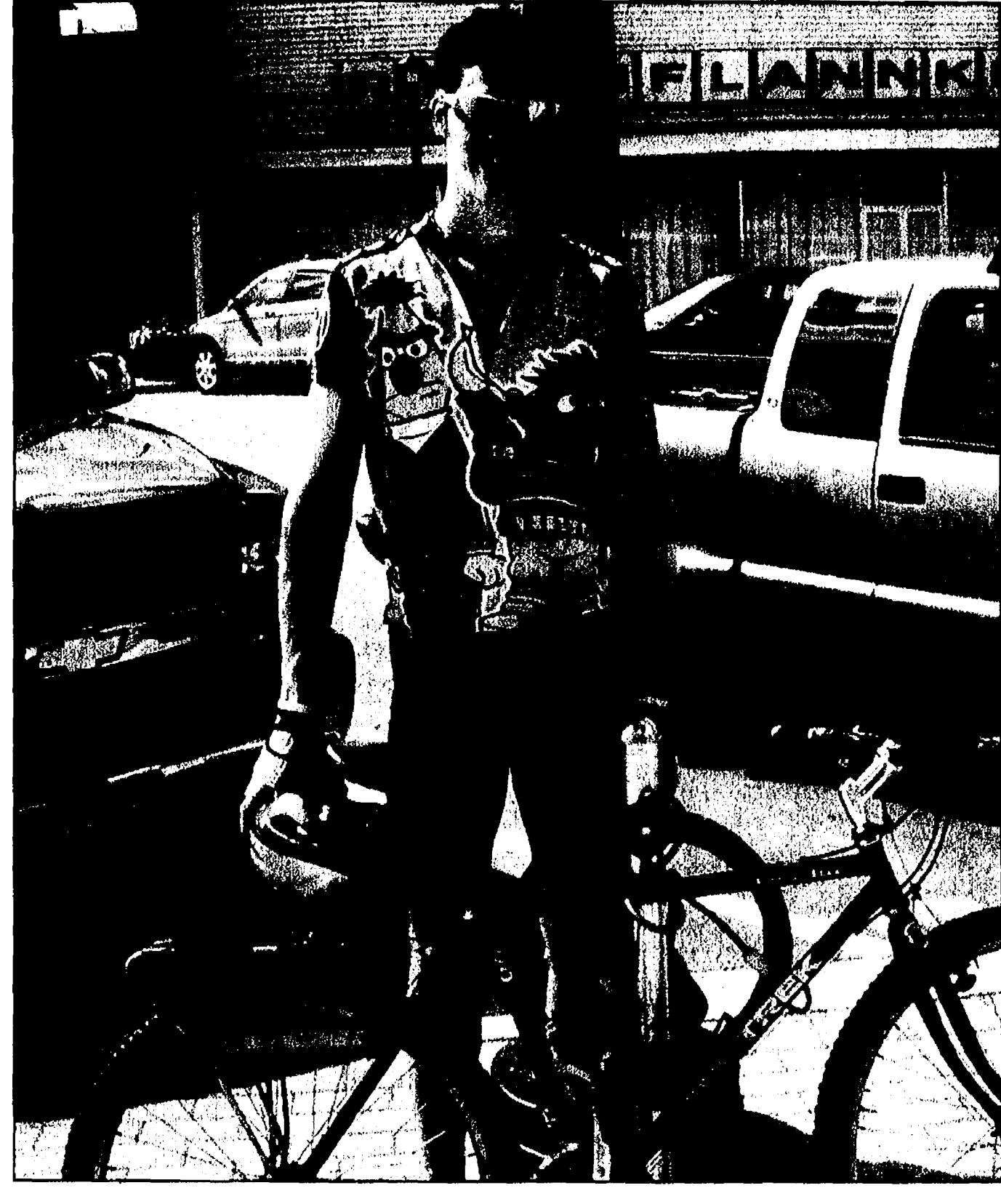
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Grayling's Department of Public Works employees recently placed bike rings by some light poles in downtown Grayling. The bike rings were donated to the city from the Grayling Rotary Club in 2005 to mark the 100th anniversary of Rotary International. The city paid to have the bike rings powder coated to match the Crawford AuSable School District colors. Grayling Rotary Club member Wayne Koppa said the bike rings make cycling more inviting to citizens and tourists because they allow a place to secure their bicycles. Koppa said a similar project was completed a Rotary Club in Owen Sound, Ontario. Above, avid cyclist Ryan Harris, 19, of Grayling, is pictured by a bike ring located near the Bicycle Shop.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

City to continue chlorinating water

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

The City of Grayling will continue chlorinating the water this week to ensure that Coliform bacteria is no longer in the community's water system.

Chad Beckett, director of Grayling's Department of Public Works (DPW), said the city was informed by Great Lakes Water Quality Lab of Lake Ann, that two samples taken from the water system contained Coliform bacteria. The Great Lakes Water Quality Lab is a state-certified lab.

Beckett said that Coliform bacteria is the most common form of bacteria, which can be found on people's skin or in the air. He said the bacteria is not harmful, but is the first indication that something may be wrong with the water system.

Beckett said that the city draws two samples from the water system per month to make sure it is safe for citizens to drink and use in preparing food.

After learning of the positive test for Coliform bacteria on Thursday, city DPW employees immediately began chlorinating the water.

Beckett suspects that Coliform bacteria may have entered the water system when new water mains were tied into an existing water main at the intersection of Ingham Street and Maple Street.

Another theory is the Coliform bacteria was a result of the high heat and humidity and came into the system through Grayling's water tower. Beckett said the water tower is never filled to full capacity, so condensation on the top of the water tower containing Coliform bacteria may have come down into the water supply.

As precautionary measures, the city water tower was overflowed. Water hydrants in various areas in the community were also drained.

Beckett took two water samples at the

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Run for the Border riders roll from Legion Post #106

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Dozens of motorcycle riders traveled from Sault Ste. Marie to Grayling last week to join forces with other riders to highlight the service and needs of veterans.

The fourth annual Run for the Border is a charity motorcycle ride sponsored by the American Legion Riders. The purpose of the ride is to generate funds for the Heroes to Hometowns program, which is instrumental in providing a support network and coordinates resources for severely injured service members returning home.

"We raise money for our Hometown Heroes and people in need if they are wounded and need some help," said Hal Woodgate, a Sault Ste. Marie soldier who has a career spanning over three decades.

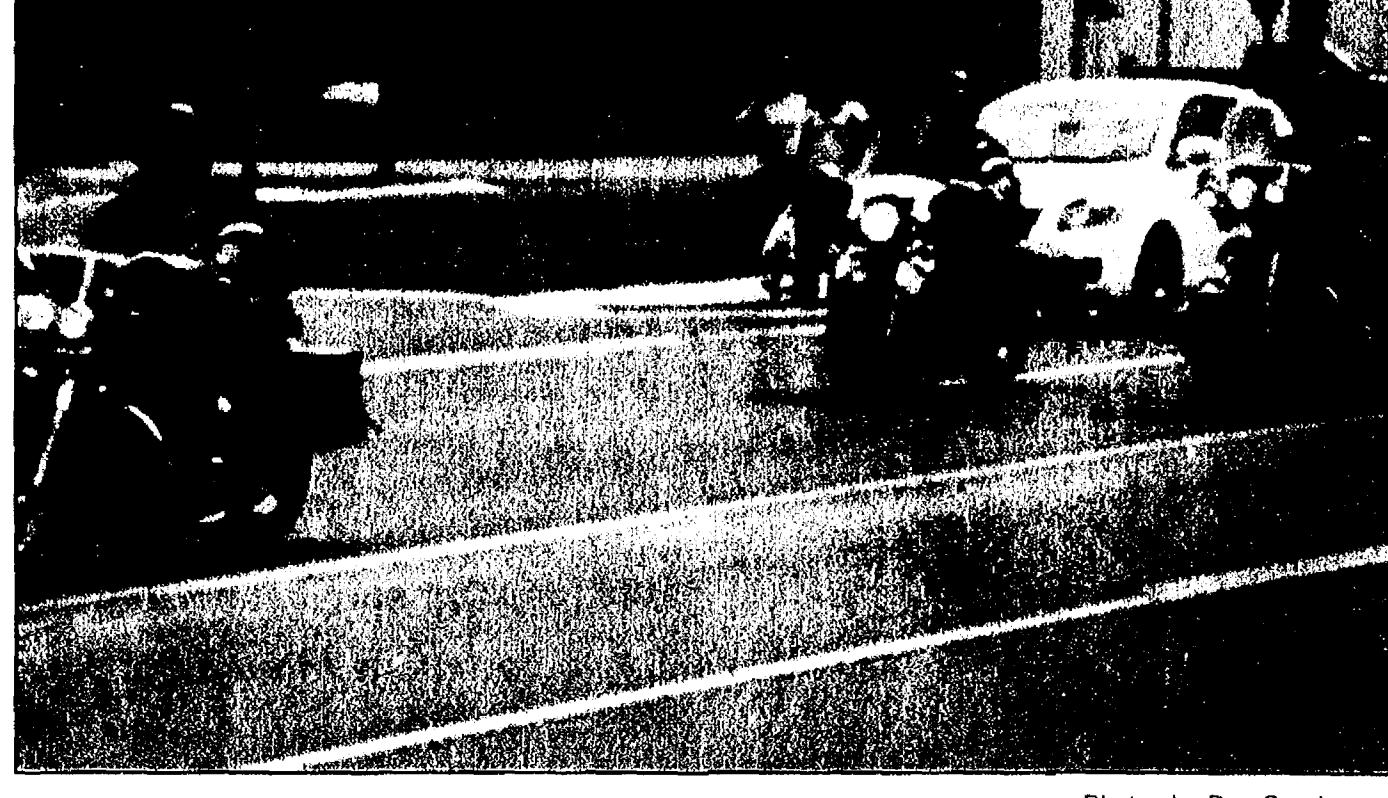
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"We come down, they put on a nice meal for us, and then we head out," Woodgate said.

Grayling is chosen as the gathering point to draw motorcyclists from Grand Rapids, Lansing and Detroit. Riders have come as far as Illinois and several riders from Minnesota joined the ride this year. The only requirement to take part in the Run for the Border - to the northern tip of the Upper Peninsula - is participants are asked to collect donations for the Heroes to Hometowns fund from family, friends and businesses. No other fees are required to participate.

Ken Bedeau of Cass Lake, Minn., is a Vietnam veteran who was in U.S. Army in 1969-70, serving in a support unit and intelligence recognition unit for the 131st Aviation Battalion.

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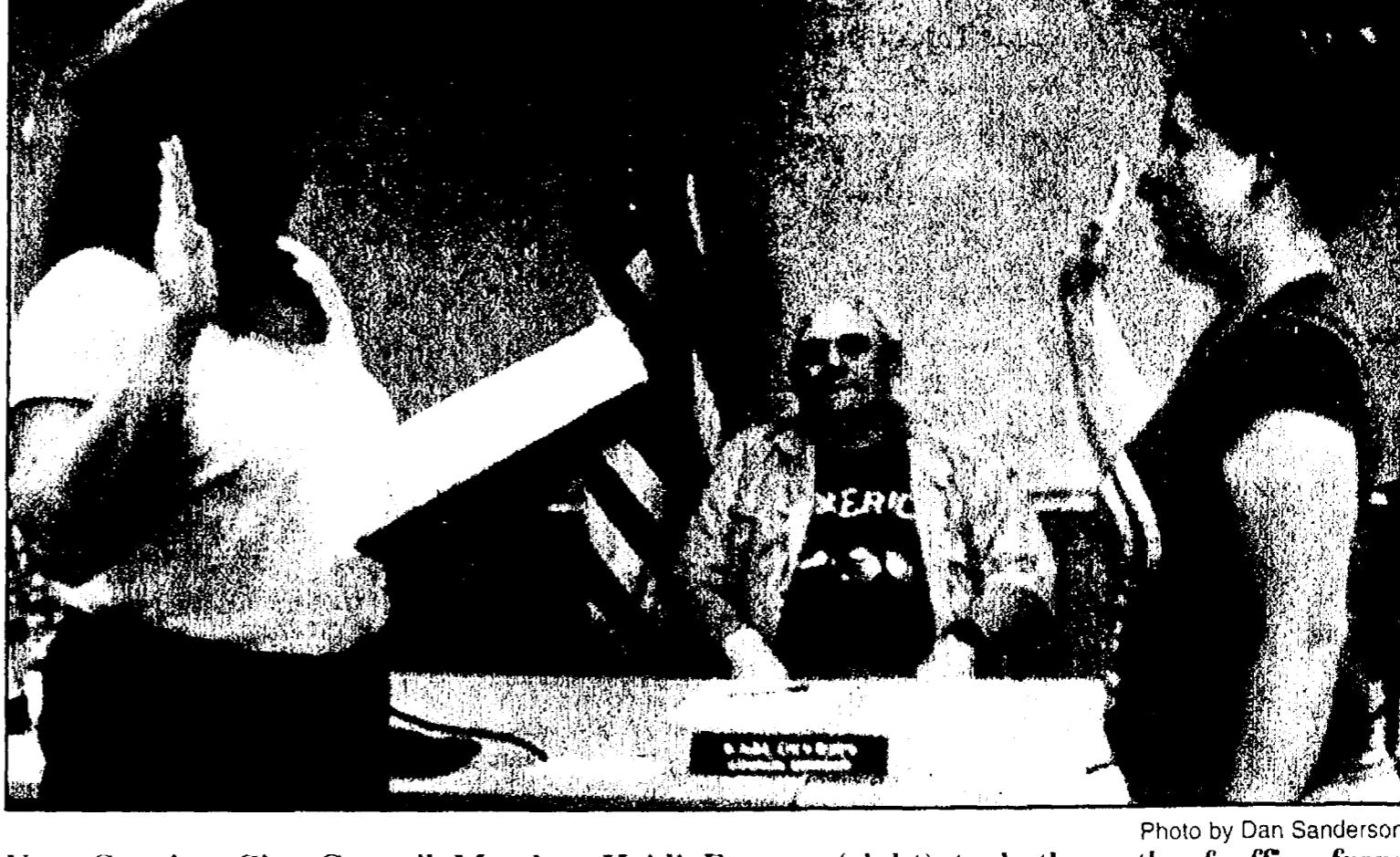


Photo by Dan Sanderson

New Grayling City Council Member Heidi Farmer (right) took the oath of office from Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier at Monday's Grayling City Council meeting. Farmer will fill out an unexpired term created when Kim McClain resigned from the city council, citing a desire to devote her efforts on the community's AuSable Artisan Village project.

County controller's contract extended

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County's top non-elected official was recently given a pay hike and contract extension by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

The board, at its July 1 ways and means committee meeting, agreed to replace Crawford County Controller/Administrator Paul Compo's contract with a new three year pact. Compo's contract was set to expire in 2011, but was extended until 2013 with the added two years. The board will act on the contract at its next regular meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21.

Compo's pay was increased from \$52,000 per year to \$54,500. The salary was approved by the board last October and goes into effect in August.

Compo was hired by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners in 1998. Commissioners agreed to cut the pay they received for serving on the board and laid off a part-time secretary to bring him in to help solve county budget woes.

"I very much like being here and there is still a lot of work to do," Compo said.

Because of dropping property tax values, Compo said county officials face a tough task to develop the budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

"The county is trying to keep offering the existing services it already provides and maybe add some services, which is going to be tough in the present economy," Compo said.

Over the next three years, Compo said the county will address moving the Michigan State University Extension office and District Health Department #10 offices to the former Grayling Fish Hatchery building. Officials will also field requests from other county departments seeking to add services.

"We don't want to be stagnant," he said. "We try to improve and add to the services we offer."

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Youngsters reel in first fish, new fishing poles



The Grayling Youth Booster Club planted 400 trout in the river by the AuSable River Park for the annual Fourth of July kid's fishing contest. Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and retired Crawford County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Jim Golnick cleaned the fish for the young anglers. Left, Olivia Seaback and Logan Duvall were the first youth to catch a trout and won new fishing poles. Kids who caught trout after the first fish were reeled in were given \$1 until the contest was closed.

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bleachers were allocated from the school district's 10-year capital improvement plan as well as the district's annual maintenance plan.

In June, the school board approved a \$37,927 bid to replace the upper balcony bleachers.

"In order to spread the cost - this is the second-phase of the project," said Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers.

In recent years, Powers said school and athletic officials have fielded a number of complaints about the wooden bleachers splintering and from people who

have fallen or tripped over the bleachers.

"It's for safety reasons and liability, but it's also reinvesting in the school," Powers said.

The new bleachers include metal framing and hard-plastic seats, which are standard for athletic facility facelifts, Powers said. The bleachers include side rails and handrails to assist people getting to and from their seats and are compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Interkal Inc., a spectator-seating manufacturer based in Kalamazoo, did the bleacher replacement last year and will do the second phase of the project in November. The bleachers will be installed between the Grayling Vikings Volleyball season and the Grayling Vikings Boy's and Girl's Basketball seasons.

Powers said local spectators and fans from other teams, who attend games at the school, have praised the bleacher project.

"It's so much nicer," Powers said. "Safety is something we are very concerned about - not only for our fans and students - but also the visitors. We've had lots of complaints, but they were nearly 40 years old."

Correction

In an article, which ran in the July 8 edition of the Avalanche, titled "Plethora of plans proposed by MSU Extension for fish hatchery grounds," it stated that Rep. Andy Neumann, D-Alpena and Rep. Joel Sheltrown, D-West Branch were vying for the Democratic nomination in the Aug. 3 primary for the 36th Senate Seat held by Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland. Sheltrown has withdrawn from the race. The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

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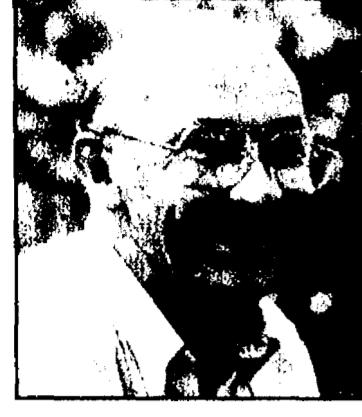
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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Fact or fiction: Does it matter?

MANOOGIAN MESS – One possible factor in this year's free-for-all battle for the Republican nomination for governor of Michigan may be completely imaginary.

That's the long-rumored mysterious Manoogian Mansion party at the taxpayer-supplied home of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick in 2002 where all sorts of questionable goings-on were supposed to have occurred, followed by a suggested subsequent police cover up of everything about it.

Republican governor candidate Mike Cox, then new on the attorney general's job, also investigated the matter, and reported nothing illegal had occurred; Mr. Cox referred to the mysterious party as "an urban myth."

No other official source has reported any credible evidence of the party, and nobody yet has openly admitted attending the party, but it may have a telling influence anyway on who becomes Michigan's next governor.

One poll about a month ago reported that 83 percent of likely general election voters in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties believe the Manoogian Mansion party actually happened, and only 6 percent think it didn't.

Mr. Cox may find it difficult to defend his position with voters, especially when 83 percent of them don't agree that the party is

a myth.

The question has come up repeatedly in the five-way race for the Republican nomination, and should Mr. Cox become the GOP nominee, Democrats, either directly or indirectly through one of those mysterious non-affiliated but supportive private political action groups, could become more forceful about Manoogian madness.

Did the party really happen? It's still questionable. But does it make any difference now as long as most folks believe it did?

Plato's ancient dictum about "pictures in the minds of men" continues as a truism in decision-making fields such as advertising, politics and other forms of public persuasion:

It's not the facts, but what people believe the facts to be, that determine their action.

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YEAR FOR WOMEN? – Voters so far across the country have indicated 2010 is a good year for women candidates.

Women candidates in California, Nevada, South Carolina, Arkansas, for example, won high profile primaries, and a plethora of female candidates grace this year's ballots for local, state and federal office in many states.

However, a poll taken about a month ago by a North Carolina firm indicated that may

not be true in Michigan.

Michigan US Sen. Debbie Stabenow is not a candidate this year; her present term expires in 2012. But the North Carolina poll claimed that if Sen. Stabenow were running for reelection in Michigan this year, she would be trailing a mythical Republican candidate by 43 percent to 48 percent.

Another news item – probably unrelated – recently disclosed that former Michigan Gov. John Engler, now head of the politically powerful National Association of Manufacturers in Washington, DC, has purchased a lakefront home back in Shiawassee County, Mich.

Hmm. You don't suppose the former governor is planning to vacate one of the most influential and highest paid lobbying-oriented position in the country to try to become a US senator in the 2012 election?

Nah. It probably won't happen. But, who knows?

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RISING HOPES – Many political fans laughed, or at least snickered, last March when Ohio's US Rep. John Boehner predicted Republicans could win back control of the House in November, claiming it would be "a steep climb but it's doable."

Democrats now hold a 255-178 advantage, with two vacancies.

Now Mr. Boehner has found public agree-

ment from an unlikely source: President Obama's press secretary, Robert Gibbs, who this week said Democrats could lose their House majority, figuring anywhere from 40 to 60 House seats could be competitive in November.

They're probably right at this point, although it was not apparent when Mr. Boehner first suggested publicly it could be done.

At least two and maybe four of those changeable seats are in Michigan. Two were won by Democrats ousting Republican incumbents in the Obama election two years ago, seats now held by Democrats Mark Schauer of Battle Creek (7th district) and Gary Peters of Oakland County (9th district).

Republican Rep. Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia (11th district) could be in play this year, and the retirement of Democrat Bart Stupak (1st district) opens up the possibility of a Republican swing in that vast northern Michigan district.

If Republicans win control, Mr. Boehner, as GOP leader in the House, stands a good chance of moving up to Speaker of the House, replacing Democrat Nancy Pelosi.

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Letters to the Editor

I am disappointed by parade

To the editor:

I am embarrassed by what my hometown presents to visitors as an Independence Day 4th of July parade. If we are this apathetic while participating in two wars and our bravest being killed and maimed daily, I shudder to think of our expression of patriotism in peacetime. Take the fire trucks and ambulances out of it and what did you have?

The Booster Club does a wonderful job with the city park activities and puts on a tremendous fireworks display. A terrific parade early would not only compliment and enhance a full day of crowd pleasing fun and merchant profiting, it would pay rightful tribute to our fighting troops and veterans.

We have the Michigan National Guard training camp on the edge of town and have seen our home-

town soldiers sent to the Middle East hotspots a number of times. Where in the world is guard participation on this special day? You would think they didn't even exist, yet they are headquartered three miles away and constantly encircle us with activities. Their non-participation on the 4th is puzzling indeed. Is it because they weren't asked or invited? I find it hard to believe they wouldn't have a marching band, troops and vehicles in the parade and on display if notified well in advance. They deserve the admiration and applause of the gallery on this special day and should want to enhance public relations.

But, there is no way the 4th of July parade should take any back seat in importance.

I don't think it's even good business to slight one in favor of the other. The same equipment and people

building and hauling floats three or four weeks later can present themselves earlier for the 4th.

I am going to dedicate myself to this end. I got some good things going before and now I'm heavily involved with my own newsletter, which takes up a lot of my time. But now I see things progressing rapidly, I took on too much trying to make it a special weekend the last time.

This time I will just work at injecting some snap and enthusiastic participation into a lively July 4th parade, one you're proud to march in as well as look at. The 4th of July is far too special to be treated this way and we, in our town, are too good to let it happen again.

I will get entries.

Phil Faustman
Grayling

Can't believe caseworker would refuse a person sustenance

To the editor:

Throughout the course of my residency here in Grayling, I have had to call upon the services and/or goods of the Christian Help Center two or three times in 2006. Since that time, I have donated food to the Christian Help Center - always remembering and grateful for the assistance they provide to low-income individuals and families.

Unfortunately, in order for people to get this type of help, they have to obtain a food voucher from the Department of Human Services office.

Today I found myself in need of a little food to help me survive for three days until I get food benefits on my Bridge Card.

When I went to DHS to request a voucher, I was informed that my caseworker, refused to provide a voucher because I am "...only three days away from getting food on my

Bridge Card." I walked away baffled, hurt, frustrated, angry and hungry.

I cannot believe that a caseworker for DHS would refuse a poor person a couple days sustenance - as if \$200 a month in Bridge Card food is enough to live off from month to month. Especially since the food is donated to the Christian Help Center (by persons like myself who like to give back when I can).

For a grown man to live off \$50 a week in food is nearly impossible. Nevertheless, if anyone is willing to donate a jar of peanut butter, a canned food item, or a roll of toilet paper, I will gladly pick it up and start a real Christian Help Center that isn't dictated by DHS workers who are living high on the hog and could truly care less about the poor.

Call if interested, Terry Munro 989-889-5611.

Terry Munro
Grayling

If you don't like the ban, tell it to your senator or congressman

To the editor:

If you are a person who doesn't like the smoking ban, tell it to your congressman or senator. Give your bartenders and owners a break, we don't like it any better than you do, and we can't do anything about it alone.

If you get real lucky you just might find a congressman or senator that cares

about something other than their own party's interests, but on that note, don't hold your breath.

Just remember this law inconveniences you smokers, but it's putting bartenders out of work and bankrupting owners.

Jim Bason, Owner
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Briefs

COA to hold Chicken BBQ

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., will hold a chicken BBQ and Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 20, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 for those over age 60 and \$5.25 for those under age 60. A salad bar will be available for an additional \$2.25. All seniors and their families are welcome to attend this community event.

GHS to hold class reunion

The GHS Class of 1985 will hold their class reunion on Saturday, July 17, from 5 p.m. - 11:30 p.m., at the Grayling Country Club. Please call DeAnn Swierec at 989-348-2809.

COA to go to Mackinac Island

The Grayling Senior Center, will take a trip to Mackinac Island on July 29. The trip will include coach bus transportation, round trip ferry boat ride, carriage ride and entrance into Fort Mackinac and lunch in the Tea Room located in the Fort. Cost for the trip is \$85. The bus will leave the center at 7 a.m. and will return about 5 p.m. Reservations are required before July 16. Call the senior center at 348-7123 to register.

Relay for Life to be held

Crawford County's 12th annual Relay for Life will be held Saturday, July 17, 10 a.m. - Sunday, July 18, 10 a.m., at the Grayling High School track. There will be many activities and a ceremony including Fight Back and Luminaria and at 8 p.m. - Elvis. A Relay for Life Auction will be part of the event with a 9 & 10 News personality serving as the auctioneer. The auction will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the GHS football field.

Fall soccer sign up to be held

CASA fall soccer sign-up is in action. Travel registration is open until July 23. REC registration is open until Aug. 6 for early bird fee \$30. After Aug. 6, a \$10 late fee will be applied. Children must be 4 years old by Aug. 1 to participate in soccer. Registration forms are available at Xpress Copy Center or area businesses. For REC questions, please contact Kim at 989-915-9510 or kbmlsprtel@gmail.com. For Travel questions, please contact Mary at 390-1182.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Lovells Historical Society presents Beaver Beer and Banjo

July is Beaver Beer and Banjo time at the Lovells Township Historical Society.

Back in the 1960's a Lovells businessman, fly tyer and trapper, Pat Harwood, would save some beaver from his winter trapping season. His wife, Margie prepared a beaver dinner and brought it to Roy Scott's Bar (now the Riverside Tavern) for the local townspeople to enjoy.

On Saturday, July 17, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Lovells Township Historical Society will again revive this old tradition and present The 4th Annual Beaver, Beer and Banjo Dinner, an evening of historic fun at the Riverside

Tavern at the corner of County 612 and F97 in Lovells.

Free beaver barley stew, prepared by Dixie Dave of Birch Run, will be served with rolls. Last year we had a very limited amount of beaver stew. This year we have a good supply. Beer and other beverages may be purchased from the tavern.

Barry VanGuilder, a famous banjo player, who used to attend the original beaver dinners, will play banjo music and sing.

The event is free and open to the public.

Proceeds from donations will go to the Anna Biernat Scholarship Fund, to aid a local college student.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, July 16 - Lunch - pork roast with apple glaze, boiled redskins, mixed vegetables and applesauce. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Lovells satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, July 18 - Sunday Brunch, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. homemade french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit salad, orange sections, orange juice and milk.

Monday, July 19 - Lunch - pork riblet sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw and applesauce. Dinner - chicken alfredo with noodles, mixed vegetables, broccoli and peaches. 10 a.m. quilting and Pokeno, 1 p.m. Bridge, 2:30 p.m. Bunco, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hearing Clinic - appointment required.

Tuesday, July 20 - Lunch - macaroni and cheese, Brussels sprouts, carrots, and plums. Dinner - BBQ

Chicken Ice Cream Social - BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, assorted desserts. 10 a.m. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre and CCC meeting, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. BBQ Chicken and Ice Cream Social, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, July 21 - Lunch - pork fritter with sweet and sour sauce, brown rice, cauliflower, green beans and sliced apples. Dinner - baked ham with apple glaze, scalloped potatoes, peas, applesauce and cherry crunch pie. 1 p.m. pool league and Wii Bowling.

Thursday, July 22 - Lunch - chicken cordon bleu, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli cuts, mandarin oranges and blueberry crisp. Dinner - roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. Senior Project Fresh, craft class, 1 p.m. UNO Attack and Senior Project Fresh, 2:30 p.m. Senior Project Fresh.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Library News

"Make Waves" at Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, July 16 at 6 p.m. Teens and tweens will enjoy a Summer Reading Program game night that includes crafts, snacks and fun. Call Connie Meyer at 348-9214.

"Make a Splash" at the Frederic Community Library on Saturday, July 17 at 11 a.m. Enjoy family fun including stories, crafts and a snack. For additional information, call 348-4067.

Join us for a Summer Reading Program at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, July 20 at 1 p.m. At "Just Add Water" kids will craft sea-

worthy costumes to wear in the AuSable River Festival Parade (on July 24). Make a Splash by joining the library float. Suitable for ages 6-12, sign up required.

Enjoy music with Buenos Aires beauty and balladeer Milagros Ceballos Serra at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, July 22 at 1:30 p.m. Join Milagros (by the fireplace) for a short concert that will include rock songs from her provocative album "Awakens Sleeping."

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The Bible Speaks

Cremation History

Cremation goes back in history to the customs and practices of the ancient heathen world. Aryan folklore implies they were one of the first cultures to venerate fire. They disposed of their dead as they gathered around their camp fires. Nomadic tribes practiced cremation and carried cinerary urns containing the ashes of their loved ones with them in their wanderings. The Viking dead were placed in their boats, which were set on fire and pushed out to sea. Cinerary urns have been found in the rugged country of Russia and Scandinavia. Cremation is still widely practiced in India among the Hindus as part of their religion. However, the British government in 1829 stopped widows in India from throwing themselves on the funeral pyres of their dead husbands while they burned.

Cremation was practically the universal custom in the last days of the Roman Empire. The Romans were

greatly influenced by the Greek idea that in the rite of cremation, fire crested every living thing and that to free the soul from the bonds of matter, the body must be reduced to its original elements by flame.

It was Christianity and the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead which ended cremation as a custom in the western world. The Roman Catholic church, issued an edict which caused Charlemagne to outlaw cremation around A.D. 800. Because the custom was so deeply rooted among the Saxons, the death penalty was instituted to suppress its practice. The Encyclopedia Britannica says that, "There can be no doubt that the practice of cremation in Europe was at the first stopped, and then prevented, in great measure, by the Christian doctrine of the resurrection of the body, partly also by the notion that the Christian body was redeemed and purified."

The revival of cremation goes back to 1869, when Italian scientist, Brunetti, devised a modern type of cre-

mation which has been greatly improved and currently operating in hundreds of crematoriums in America. There are many Christians who remain ignorant of both the Bible teaching and the historical roots of cremation.

A society which is without conscience about the practice of abortion, suicide, and euthanasia will find little reason to question the cremation of that which remains. The influence of secular humanism has created a "throw away" society. This has resulted also in a general disrespect for the human body created in God's image. Is it any wonder little public respect is paid both to the dead and the bereaved during funeral possessions today? The revival of cremation is another step in our return to our pagan roots. Pastor "B"

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Church Directory



M-72 West • Grayling

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)

710 Spruce Street • (989) 348-5224

Christian Science Society
209 First St., Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church • Pastor: Dr. William A. Cigar
300 Michigan Ave. • (989) 204-2974
www.michelsonmemorial.org - Barrie Free Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 10 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Modern Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: Bela Kober
(989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at Camp Available off M-72 East (1st building
on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adults) 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Seccord
6652 M-72 West • (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
347 W West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Robert D. Klug • (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Wednesday Evening Service Worship & Prayer 7 pm
(van transportation available)
URL: <http://burningbushtabernacle.com>
Pastor: pastor@burningbushtabernacle.com

Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty • North Dawn River Rd. at
1010 Glen Rd. • (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor: Rev. James Beurs
Associate Pastor: Peter Eke
Parish Office: 707 Spruce
(989) 348-7657

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: Gary Wejdan
701 N. 175 Business Loop
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Obituaries



Clara L. Sorenson

Clara Lottie Sorenson, 92, of Grayling, passed away quietly on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at Mercy Hospital.

She was born in Grayling on May 6, 1918 to the late Marshall and Lottie (Starrett) Atkinson.

She was married to Robert Carl Sorenson for 60 years.

Clara had a strong faith and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where she played the organ for many years.

In the good old days she loved to ski at the Skyline Ski Club and the Grayling Winter Sports Park.

She volunteered for the Red Cross Blood Bank. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 50 years.

She was recognized for her dedication to the GHS Alumni Association and was Grand Marshall of the AuSable River Festival parade in 1998.

Clara and her friends (10 local gals) formed a sewing club in 1935, that later turned into playing cards (smoke) and met every two weeks. This friendship continued for 50 plus years. It was called "The Just Us Club," and sometimes the spouses were invited.

She belonged to the Grayling Bowling League and also found time to be a Cub Scout leader.

Clara and her husband owned and operated the South Side Grocery Store from 1935 to 1960. Clara ran the store mostly by herself. She even cut the pork-chops and ground the ham-burg.

She was one of the persons instrumental in forming the Grayling Alumni Association which continued for 50 years.

She received numerous awards for her services to the community.

Clara loved Grayling and the people here.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; infant sister, Edna; and brother, Alex Atkinson.

Clara is survived by her children: Nancy Cox of Grayling, Judy Sorenson of Saginaw, Norman (Mary) of Mt. Pleasant, John of Benton Harbor; grandchildren: Billy Cox of Cadillac, Joel Cox of Traverse City, Jamie Cox of Grayling, David (Stacey) of Rockford, Elissa Cox of Grayling, Brent (Angel) Sorenson of Benton Harbor, Mark Sorenson of Gaylord, Paula (Andrew) Starner of Mt. Pleasant, Kent Sorenson of Chicago; great-grandchildren: Angie, Alexa, Aaron, Amanda, Olivia, Danica and Hannah; and great great-granddaughter, Jaylyn Cox.

Visitation will be held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on Friday, July 16 from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 17, 2010, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce Street.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or the GHS Alumni Scholarship Fund.

In Memory of



Jack Schmidt

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This has been the hardest two years of my life. You are terribly missed.

Love always,
Mom and family

Area Events

Houghton Lake - The Monday, July 19 meeting of the Roscommon Chapter of MARSP (RARSP) will be held at Coyle's Restaurant, 9074 Old U.S. 27, Houghton Lake. Registration is at 10 a.m. The talk will be on "Sustainable Fisheries" by M. Brown of NOAA, Fishery Program Specialist, from Juneau, Alaska. Lunch will be at 12 noon. Paid reservations of \$8.50 which includes tax, tip and lunch drink, payable to RARSP are due by July 12, to

Mike Gallmeier, 7144 Reilly Road, Houghton

Lake, MI 48629, 989-745-3774.

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Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for July 22-28 will be as follows:

Small arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, North of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, July 22-28.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, July 22-28.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd., July 26, 27.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), July 22-28.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located

north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), July 22-28.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), July 23, 24 and 26.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, July 22-24 and 26-28.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N.

Down River Rd.; Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.; Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation at 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Jim Humes and his crew at Penrod's Canoeing for hosting our Bark in Your Boat River Float. As always, they were the most gracious and accommodating hosts! Thank you, Shelter Director Cheryl Postma for pulling it all together. You're the best!

Many thanks also to all our participants who braved less than ideal weather con-

ditions, to Kelly Shear and DuBois Lumber for the creation of our new Dog House picture board, to Doorways of the North, Jay's Sporting Goods, McLean's Ace Hardware, Johnathan Rand and shelter members who donated silent auction items and volunteered your time, to Ramada Inn for special room rates, and to the Crawford County

Avalanche, Gannon Broadcasting, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Grayling Visitors Bureau, Info Northeast and Weekly Choice for promoting the event, all to help raise funds for our dogs and cats. See you next year!

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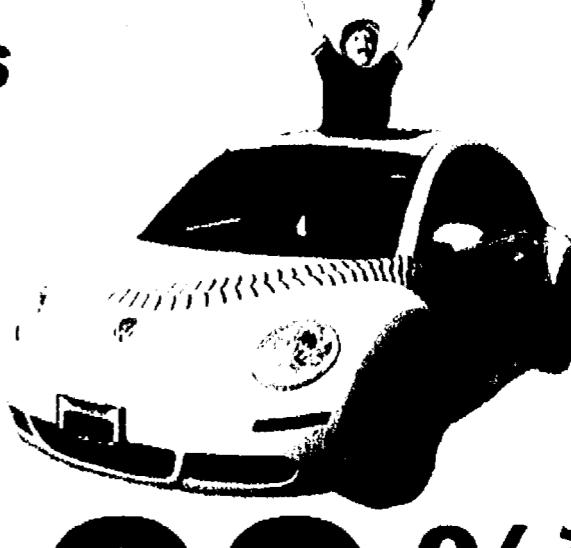
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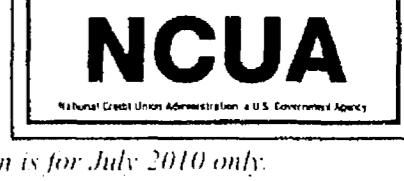


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Births

Ramanda and Dale Burch of Roscommon, announce the birth of a daughter, Keirstyne, born at Mercy Hospital on May 13, 2010, at 6:11 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Ashley Humphreys and Jason Sampson, of Harrison, announce the birth of a daughter, Haley May, born at Mercy Hospital on July 10, 2010, at 12:45 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Rachel Anderson and Cameron Lewis, of Harrison, announce the birth of a son, Phineas McCormack born at Mercy Hospital on June 29, 2010, at 4:27 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Carmen Ingram of Grayling, announces the birth of a daughter, Zafira O'Hara born at Mercy Hospital on July 2, 2010, at 11:06 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 13 ozs., and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length.

Honors

Western Michigan University

Nathan Lowe, of Grayling, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from

Western Michigan University

Western Michigan University announced that Jason Drudge, Corey Kirk, Alyssa Lewis, Jonathon Lovely and Magena Reusch, from Grayling, were placed on the Dean's List for the spring semester at Western Michigan University.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 137 complaints the week of July 5 - July 11.

Fourteen general non-criminal complaints, one arrest on warrant, two delinquent minors, eight false alarm activations, one assault and battery/simple assault, one aggravated assault-family-strongarm, two burglaries/forced entry-residences, two larcenies, one larceny-from building, one damage to property-private property, one obstruction to justice-conditional release visit, 20 public peace disorders, seven health and safeties, seven miscellaneous criminal offenses,

one miscellaneous arrest, eight traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, one inspection/investigation-mother-boat, three inspections/investigations-motor vehicles, one lost and found property, six family troubles-domestic, 12 suspicious situations, 32 driving violations/driving while license suspended and two driving on revoked/suspended license and.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Linda Krajewski and the crew at the Swamp II for hosting the 6th Annual Horseshoe Tournament. As

always, the food and service were great! Thank you to sponsor and organizer Mary Becker of Nationwide Corporate Promotions for putting it all together for us. Your dedication to the shelter is stellar! Many thanks also to all our participants and team sponsors: Grayling Auto Repair, The Keg Bar, Huffman Excavating, Senior Independence, and K & K Masonry, to the Ramada Inn for the donation of gift certificates, and to the Crawford County Avalanche and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce for promoting the event, all to help raise funds for our dogs and cats. See you next year!

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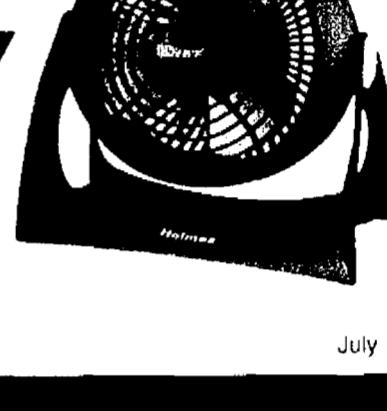
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Friday, July 17th

Sprints for C-2 Race at 8 am in the Grayling City Park
 Spike's Challenge C-1 Race at 6 pm at Bortolin's Canoe Livery

Sunday, July 18th

Spike's Challenge Race 9 am at Old AuSable (formerly Ray's Canoe Livery)

Tuesday, July 20th

- KID'S DAY at the Grayling City Park from 10 am to 2 pm

- Chicken BBQ, Ice Cream Social at the Grayling Senior Center

Wednesday, July 21st

- HUP Race at 5:30 pm at the Grayling City Park

Thursday, July 22nd

- Marathon Coffee Break 9 am to 11 am at the Citizens Bank
 - Business Relay Races 4:30 pm - 7 pm, starts at Penrod's and goes to Old AuSable
 - AuSable River C-1 Express Race at 7:15 pm at Penrod's and goes to Bortolin's Landing
 - Arts & Crafts SET UP in the Grayling City Park from 12 pm - 8 pm

Friday, July 23rd

Rebels' Annual Kids Race, the Casey Challenge, 10 am at Bortolin's Canoe Livery

- Grayling Eagle Beer Tengron 11 am - 2 am and the Pre-Marathon Steak & BBQ dinner w/entertainment from 5pm - 8 pm at the Eagles Club

- Arts & Crafts Show at the Grayling City Park 10 am - 8 pm

- Annual "Quilt Sitters" Quilt Show at 10 am - 5 pm at the Icehouse Quilt Shop

- Camp Grayling BBQ Social noon - 9 pm at Old AuSable Fly Shop

Saturday, July 24th

- Grayling Recreational Authority's Annual 10K & 1 Mile Fun Run in town at the Middle School

Registration at 7:30am - 8:30am, Race starts 9 am

- Classic Car Show on Michigan Avenue at 8 am - 3 pm

- Michelson Memorial UMC Youth Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 10 am

- Arts & Crafts Show at the Grayling City Park at 9 am - 6 pm

- Food Court on Michigan Avenue 9am - 6pm

- Annual "Quilt Sitters" Quilt Show at 10 am - 5 pm at the Icehouse Quilt Shop

- Grayling Eagles Horse Shoe Tournament at 10 am at Grayling Eagles Club

- Eagles' Annual Roast (hot dogs & hamburgers) w/entertainment & \$1,000 Raffle Drawing at 6 pm

- Beer Tent 11 am - 2 am at the Eagles Club

- Grayling Rotary's Annual Chicken BBQ at the American Legion 12pm - 6pm

- Michelson United Methodist Church's Ice Cream Social at 12 pm - 4 pm

- Camp Grayling BBQ Social 12pm - 9 pm at Old AuSable Fly Shop

- AuSable River Festival Parade, starts at 3 pm

Sunday, July 25th

- Bear/Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour beginning at 8 am on Michigan Ave in Grayling and ending in Oscoda (100 mile ride)

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Friday, July 23rd

2pm - 5:45pm - Time Trials

Sprints for starting position at Penrod's AuSable River Resort

4:30 pm - Special Olympics Challenge

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6pm - Paddler's Dinner

at AuSable Valley Inn (formerly Ramada Inn)

Saturday, July 24th

Marathon Pre-Race Briefing

at Grayling Middle School - Spruce Street

4:30 pm - Paddler's Mass

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Run for the Border riders roll from Legion Post #106

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Border and the Veterans Motorcycle Rally generated \$3,000. Organizers hoped to draw over 1,000 motorcyclists to the rally this year. Funds from this year's event will go toward a scholarship to honor two battlefield in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We don't want them to be treated the way we were when we returned home," Bedeau said.

The Run for the Border is held in conjunction with the seventh annual Veterans Motorcycle Rally in Sault Ste. Marie. Events started with a pre-rally "Fire Up" party at the American Legion Post #3 in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday evening, which was open to the public. On Friday, the rally included games, give aways and a Fox Hole Run.

The event is similar to a poker run, where motorcyclists drive to different locations to receive playing card to determine who finishes with the best poker hand. The State of Michigan now requires a lottery license for the runs, so the name was changed to Fox Hole Run to tribute to the Fox Hole Run for the Hometown Heroes.

"We see how much money we can come up with and we get it to the people in need," Woodgate said. An opening ceremony, to honor veterans, was held on Friday, along with short and longer bike trips throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula. Bike parades and a blessing of the bikes ceremony were held on Saturday.

"We get a lot of riding in," Woodgate said. The rally concluded with a bike rodeo and games and a raffle for a new Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Woodgate was drafted for the Vietnam War, but was assigned to serve his tour of duty in Germany. "I was one of the lucky ones," he said. A member of the Michigan Army National Guard's 1437th Engineer Company, Woodgate served in 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit was in support of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. Woodgate has been in the military for 33 years.

"I spent five and a half months in Vietnam and eight months in a hospital," Woodgate said. Beckett stressed that the water tower and at six different locations throughout the city on Friday, which all came back negative for Coliform bacteria. He repeated the samples on Saturday, which also resulted in the negative results for the bacteria.

Beckett said the DPW would continue to chlorinate throughout the week with the current chlorine supply the city has on hand.

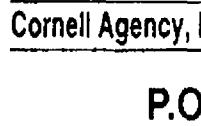
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Black Bear Bicycle Tour could feature more than 350 riders

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While most early Sunday mornings find few people in downtown Grayling, in the early morning hours of July 25 the area will teem with over 500 riders, family and friends for the start of the 2010 Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour.

"It's pretty impressive," said Fred Fisher III, Rotarian and co-chair for the event. He noted that this year's entries include not only Michigan riders but riders and visitors from Washington, Arizona, Tennessee, Illinois, Colorado, South Carolina, Indiana and Ohio.

The riders depart in front of The Bicycle Shop and head for North Down River Road on the way to Oscoda, located at the mouth of Lake Huron.

Riders start the morning after the AuSable River Canoe Marathon - the grueling canoe race from Grayling to Oscoda. The bike course crosses the river several times as they follow the canoes to Oscoda. Snack stations are available at five locations where riders can pick up fruit and water or a muffin. Some of the riders hurry past while others stop for a snack and chat. As the riders travel to

Oscoda there are flag workers at each corner to keep riders going in the right direction.

According to locals, the Black Bear crowd brings more people to Glennie than any other event during the year.

The end of the bike tour allows the riders to watch the canoes of the marathon come in along the Oscoda Back Bridge next to the AuSable River Store and Oscoda Canoe Rental toward the finish line.

In 2001, 58 riders participated in the first Black Bear Bicycle Tour. It is expected that there will be more than 350 entries for the 10th running of the Black Bear Bicycle Tour. Last year's event saw a different starting procedure that released 10 riders per minute.

The first riders depart at 8 a.m. and a new wave lines up each minute thereafter. Each rider is given a timing chip to wrap around the fork of their bike near the front wheel. The timing chip triggers their start and finish time so after the event they have an accurate indication of how long it took them to ride the 100 miles. The bicycle community calls riding 100 miles a "Century Ride." The shortest time on record has been 3 hours and 38 minutes and the longest 11 hours and 45 minutes.

This year will see the return of a number of recumbent riders. Recumbent bicycles differ from traditional bikes in that you sit in them and your



Black Bear Bicycle Tour organizers expect several recumbent bikes for this year's event, which is slated for Sunday, July 25.

legs are out front. They are much more comfortable than a regular bike but a little difficult to start from a standing stop. Additionally, they tend to not catch as much wind resistance as a traditional bike. There was an international meet of recumbent riders at the Ford Test Track in Romeo that included riders from France and the Netherlands. One rider exceeded 50 miles per hour for an entire 60 minutes of riding. An article reporting on the event mentioned the Black Bear as a popular event in the area, which has led to a few more recumbent riders than usual.

The Black Bear serves as a Grayling Rotary Club fund-raiser for service projects and as a way to bring additional visitors to the area.

In 2007 the event was given nationwide recognition by *Bicycling Magazine* as the "Cool Ride of the Month." *Bicycling Magazine* is the leading

nationwide publication for bicyclists with a circulation of 310,000. They pick only one event nationwide for this designation each month.

Every penny that is raised from the Black Bear goes to support Rotary Club service projects that include - but are not limited to - clean water projects for developing countries, bicycle helmets for children attending the Grayling Bicycle Rodeo, economic development programs and the ongoing effort to eradicate polio from the planet.

Riders participate in a finishers' raffle where prizes vary from being worth a dollar or two up to a brand new bicycle.

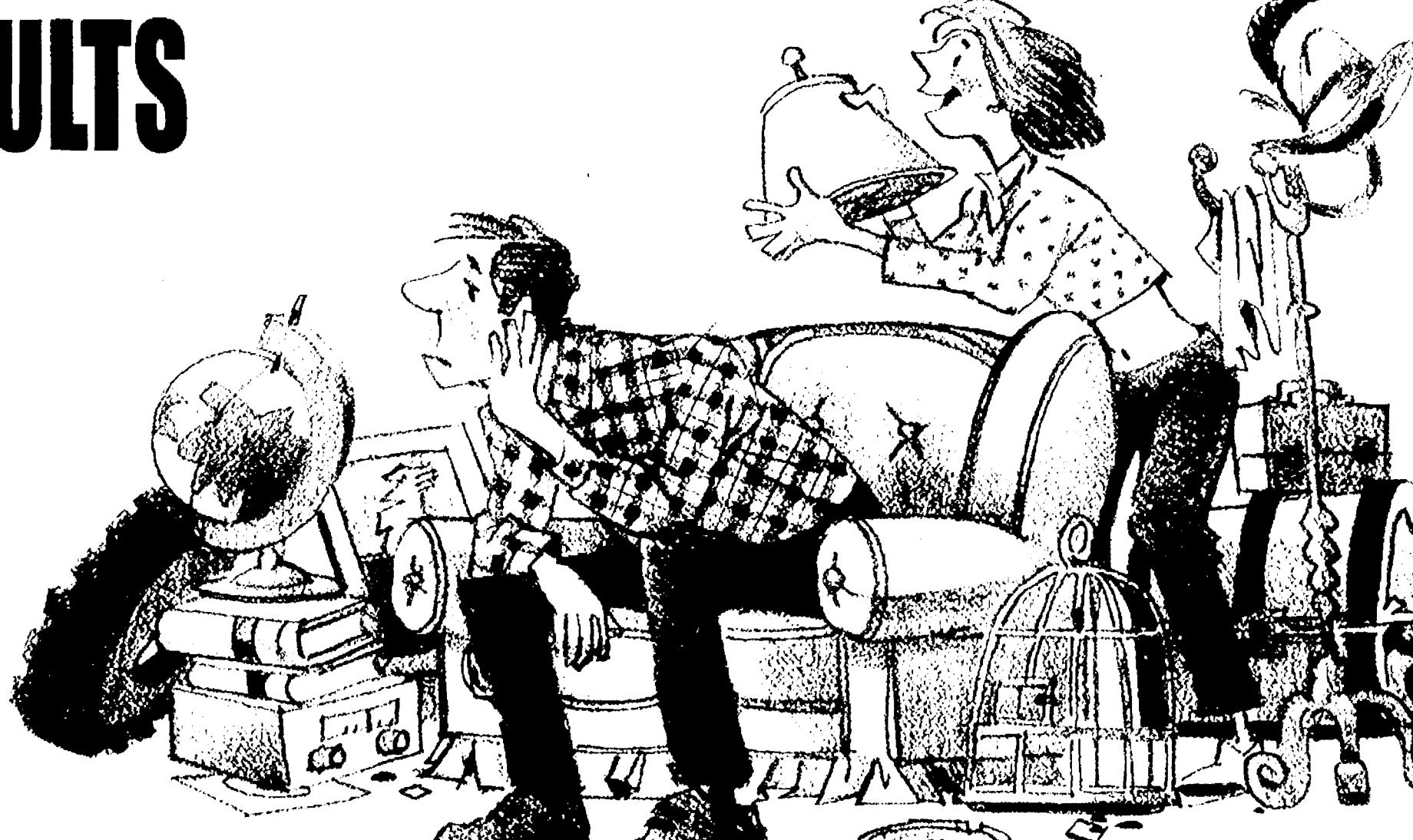
"It does not matter how fast you ride, everyone gets a chance at the new bicycle," said Rotarian JoAnne Neil.

The Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 25, in downtown Grayling. Participants can enter on the day of event. Registration starts at 6 a.m. Early riders will be arriving in Oscoda between 11:40 a.m. and noon. The last of the tour participants typically arrive as late as 5 p.m. Additional information on the event is available at 989-370-5757 and on the web at <http://www.grayling-area.com/blackbear2010>.

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C-1, C-2 canoe races slated for this weekend

Spike's Challenge events to be held on July 17-18

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

The 2010 Spike's Challenge - a weekend of canoe racing that includes both C-1 (one-person) and C-2 (two-person) events - is slated for July 17-18.

Many AuSable River Canoe Marathon teams will use the Spike's Challenge C-2 race as a warm-up event. The Spike's Challenge features a start that is similar to the AuSable Marathon - teams line up in the street and run to the river, entering the water at the Old AuSable Fly Shop - and the race gives paddlers and spectators a daytime look at the first four checkpoints of the 120-mile Grayling-to-Oscoda event slated for July 24. The Spike's Challenge C-2 race starts in the morning (9 a.m.) and the AuSable Marathon starts at night (9 p.m.).

Similar to the AuSable Marathon, Spike's Challenge teams will compete for starting positions for the run to the river with a time trials event. This year, the Spike's Challenge time trials will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 17. Sprints are held at the city park in Grayling. Teams start near the pedestrian bridge, paddle upstream, navigate under a railroad bridge, turn around at a buoy near the courthouse, and finish the looped course by going back to the starting line. The fastest teams will finish in 4.5 to 5.5 minutes. There will be breaks in between batches so the next sprinters can warm up on the course.

The time trials event generally provides a strong forecast of which teams will finish in the top spots during Sunday's C-2 race. Last year, 13 of the top 15 teams at time trials also finished in the top 15 for the race.

Last year's C-2 race featured a total of 79 canoes - 67 in the expert class and 12 in the amateur class - and race organizers are expecting a similarly large number in 2010.

"I would imagine between 70 and 80 boats again this year," said John Lucey, one of the Spike's Challenge organizers. "Makes the sprints on the pond a full day event, but it's manageable. Right now, we are doing okay."

On Sunday morning (July 18, 9 a.m.), teams will line up on Peninsular Avenue according to sprint times, with each row of canoes 25 feet apart, Lucey said, which is different than the 40 feet apart for the AuSable Marathon's start.

"The Spike's race is a little more congested but it makes for an exciting start," Lucey said.

The Spike's Challenge starting run - like the AuSable Marathon's - utilizes a portion of Ingham Street on the way to the river at the Old AuSable Fly Shop. The City of Grayling



Competitors run to the river with their canoes during the start of the 2009 Spike's Challenge C-2 race.



Spike's Challenge C-1 racers leave the starting line at Borchers during the 2009 event.

currently has a reconstruction project going on on Ingham Street; city officials recently said the project "should be 80 to 90 percent complete" before race time.

"They said it was going to be done," Lucey said. The Spike's Challenge C-2 race will end at McMasters Bridge - the fourth of the AuSable Marathon's official timing checkpoints. Teams will

reach the finish line in approximately 2.5 to 4 hours. (Teams finish the 120-mile AuSable Marathon in 14 to 19 hours.)

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, C-1 paddlers will race from Borchers AuSable Canoeing to Burton's Landing, reaching the finish line in 40 to 60 minutes, approximately. Forty-seven paddlers competed in last year's Spike's Challenge C-

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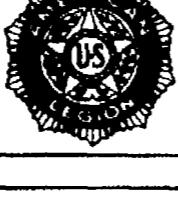
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Fishing



Ryan Stephens, 11, of Ionia, caught this 42-inch, 35-pound Alaskan king salmon in Skagway, Alaska on June 21 while on vacation with his grandmother, D.J. Brown of Grayling. The captain of the "White Wind" charter fishing boat is Craig McCormick, brother of Roger McCormick of Grayling.

Fox Run Country Club News

Ladies' Invitational

On Monday, June 28, Fox Run Country Club hosted the 4th Annual Ladies' Invitational, a four-person scramble tournament featuring players from Fox Run and other area courses.

The event was flighted by handicap. First flight winners were Sue Longendyke of Grayling, Kathy and Beth Freer of Roscommon, and Shirley Furstenau of Colorado with a score of 64. With a score of 69, second place in the first flight went to Carol Ostling, Julie McKindles, Jaime Janisse, and Cheri Sullivan, all of

Roscommon.

In the second flight, winners were Sue Dann, Pat McDonald, Kathy Wendt, and Steph Hayden, all of Midland, with a score of 74. The second place team, which posted a score of 76, included Bonnie Musall of Alden, Kelly Park of Kalkaska, Gloria Straight of Mancelona, and Melba Cruthers of Bellaire.

Next year's Ladies' Invitational will take place on Monday, June 27.

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Fox Run Country Club leagues have hit their halfway mark for this golf

season. In the Couples League, which plays on Tuesday evening, First Flight standing are as follows: Bob and Geri Koutnik in first place with 82.5 points, Mike and Shirley Griffin in second with 76, Pat and Bobbi Adolph in third with 75.5, Jim and Joanne Lederman in fourth with 74, Paul and Bobbie Ferguson in fifth with 73.5, Tom and Jody Coors in sixth with 72 and Rick and Sue Longendyke in seventh place with 68.85. Second Flight standings: Sue Hanson and Kevin Elliot in first with 83 points, Lary and Carole Gust in second with 76, Mark and Sue McInally in third with 75.5, Bob and Wanda Finkbeiner in fourth with 72, Mike and Kathy Freer in fifth with 71, Bill and Dee Davis in sixth with 63 and Jim and Dorothy Pelton in seventh with 54.

The Men's League plays on Wednesdays and their standings are as follows:

First Flight: Lederman/Schooley and McInally/McInally tied for first with 83 points, Smith/Chmielewski in second with 79, Brown/Adolph in third with 73.5, M. lange/Parkinson in fourth with 72, Bradley/Gilchrist in fifth with 71, Moore/Griffin in sixth with 68.5 and Koutnik/Gutzman in seventh with 58 points. The Second Flight standings are: Machtel/Gardner in first with 84.5 points, Parker/Butzin in second with 81.5, Ferguson/Gust in third with 77.5, Heinz/Matushak in fourth with 76, Mastroeni/Gerken in fifth with 73, J. Lange/Sloan in sixth with 72, Alden/Kelsey in seventh with 71, Shanley/Nowak in eighth with 69, Helms/Holcamp in ninth with 64.5 and Porter/Held in 10th with 60 points.

The Thursday evening Ladies League standings are: First Flight: Coors/Lederman in first with 88.5 points, McKindles/Ostling in second with 67, Freer/Longendyke in third with 58, Finkbeiner/DiPonio in fourth with 57, Bradley/Baetens in fifth with 56.5, Adolph/Davis in sixth with 55, Upton/Ferguson in seventh with 52.5 and Gust/Griffin in eighth with 48 points. The Second Flight standings are Nester/Close in first with 77 points, Baker/Baldwin in second with 66, Hanson/Walper in third with 63, Koutnik/Sullivan in fourth with 60, DeMassa and Wilkins in fifth with 58 points and new team members Neill/Alderman joining the league for the second half of the season.

The ladies have also been competing in a Match Play Tournament. The final four competing in the semifinals are Sue Hanson, Bobbi Adolph, Carolyn DiPonio and Fran Upton.

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Redskins add sign up days

At the Grayling Redskins board meeting on Sunday, board members and their families assisted with the inventory of equipment to prepare for the upcoming season.

The Grayling Redskins Football Program is one of many area programs within the Stanley Anthony Machulis league, which was established 19 years ago.

"This should be a great year," Grayling Redskins Board President Larry Duvall said. "We are excited to welcome many new families to become a part of the Redskins program, and look forward to seeing those who return."

With the increased interest in the Redskins program, there will be additional sign ups for youth (grades 3-8)

who would like to participate in football and cheerleading this season. Sign ups will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, at the Grayling City Park as well as 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Redskins Field.

Practices for the 2010 season will begin Monday, Aug. 9, at the field for all ages registered for football and

cheerleading.

"This is a wonderful program that encourages area youth and their families an opportunity to get involved in activities that are healthy and fun," said Grayling Redskins Board Member Bambi Mansfield.

For further information you may call Barb at 710-0090 (football) or Rhonda at 745-5243 (cheerleading).

Grayling Little League

Softball

Grayling Little League's junior division (13-14) softball team clinched a spot in the district championship

game with a 6-3 semifinal victory vs. Houghton Lake on Monday.

The girls advanced to the semifinals by posting a 3-0

record in pool play last week. Grayling won 14-7 vs. East Jordan, 19-0 vs. Roscommon, and 7-6 vs.

Boyne City.



Grayling Little League's junior division softball team celebrates a recent tournament game victory.

Grayling Country Club News

Wednesday Ladies League by Donna Thomson

After a beautiful July 4th weekend of fun, family and fireworks, the Wednesday ladies were anxious to golf. The day was very hazy, hot and humid but that's okay, it's time for warmth. I love to walk our beautiful course, as do others, but today we all rode. Temps were pushing 90, so better to be safe.

These gals also were hot in their game as in Flight A, Lynda Hetrick had a low net of 28 and she tied for low putts of 14 with Kay Ellen King.

In Flight B, Nancy Glasslee took it all with a low net of 29 and low putts of 14.

In Flight C, there was a tie for low net of 31 between Nancy Hoffman and Shirley Young and a tie for low putts of 16 between Carole Batway and Shirley Young.

There were no chip-ins today, but two birdies were had on #7, by Lynda Hetrick and Kay Ellen King.

We also had a surprise game and that was for the best poker hand which was won by Evie Kent with four nines. So happy the golf committee has re-instituted a game of the week. Just one more way to make our day most enjoyable.

After we came in to our nice air conditioned clubhouse, we had either a spinach salad with chicken and dressing and a roll, or a

turkey, ham wrap with a side. Would love to have gone out for another round, but was a bit too warm, so went home and chilled with a good book.

Until next week, that's all "fore" now.

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Tuesday Morning Ladies League

Results for July 6: We had a great day of golf with high temperatures and lots of

humidity to put our skills to the test. JoAnn Michal had the best day ever. She chipped in on hole #9, giving her a par, had low puts of 29 for the day, and won two skins. Nancy Glasslee was subbing for the day and had a chip-in on hole #15. Linda Marcereau and Roxanne James took three skins each and Linda Fouts got one skin. Mickey Perez and Debi Bonkoski moved back into

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And no suit or proceedings at law in or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday the 4th day of August, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 12.50% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: Premises situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, and Michigan, and are described as follows:

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harvey Smale, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 2006, and recorded on June 7, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 859, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, its Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Series 2004-GE11 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five And 23/100 Dollars (\$86,465.23), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided,

notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 28, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land lying in the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Commencing at the Northwest corner, thence East along Section line 388 feet, thence South 220 feet, thence West 262 feet, thence South 01 degree 11 minutes 40 seconds West 151.8 feet, thence North 69 degrees 19 minutes 35 seconds West 135.25 feet, thence North 01 degree 15 minutes 50 seconds East on Section line 297.2 feet to point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the above-described Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public venue, in order to satisfy the unpaid portion of said Mortgage, together with interest at a rate of 5.00%, all costs of sale permitted by law, and taxes, the property situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

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All rights of redemption shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Dated: Thursday, June 24, 2010

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the conditions of a mortgage made by William F. Holborn and Janet Hatfield, a single person and a single person as joint tenants, to Rescue Mortgage, Inc, Mortgagee, dated June 6, 2001 and recorded July 3, 2001 in Liber 540, Page 147, and An Affidavit of Scrivener's Error to correct the legal was recorded 5/21/10 in Liber 700 Page 585, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank, N.A., a successor trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly known as First Union National Bank) as trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Three and 29/100 Dollars (\$62,003.29) including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 28, 2010.

Dated: July 15, 2010
For more information, please call:
FC F (248) 593-1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway,

Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #326193F01

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 9, Hadley's Amended Addition to the City of Grayling, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 15, 2010

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John E. McLeod and Bonnie McLeod, husband and wife and Ellen Haller, single, original mortgagor(s), to NationStar Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 31, 2007, and recorded on January 23, 2008 in Liber 690 on Page 32, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine And 65/100 Dollars (\$91,229.65), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 18, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Block 3, of Dilly's Addition to the Village of Fredericville, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 7, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale,

unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 1, 2010

For more information, please call:
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SALE

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 4, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Block 3, of Dilly's Addition to the Village of Fredericville, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 7, Crawford County Records.

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Dated: July 15, 2010

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The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from July 9, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after July 9, 2010.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Date: July 15, 2010

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Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



July 16, 1987 - Julie Brooks, Miss Grayling was in St. Ignace on June 26, for the Summer Festival and Antique Car display.

23 Years Ago

July 16, 1987

Fifteen Michigan farms, including one in Crawford County, have been certified as Centennial Farms. The farm owned by David Forbush, located at 4971 County Road 612, in Frederic was one of those certified. The farm has been in the Forbush family since June 9, 1887.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, defeated a motion by John Miller to remove vice-chairperson Mary Harland from office and replace her with William Ruddy. The action was suggested prior to the motion by chairman Garland (Bud) Joyce. After the motion was made Joyce

refused to permit discussion on it citing rules of parliamentary procedure. The motion was defeated of a four to three voice ballot.

The Bear Archery Company has reached out from its home in Gainesville, Fla., to weave a history of its stay in Crawford County by displaying the story of its business life here in the local Historical Museum. Last week Bear Archery Customer Relations and Museum Director Frank Scott, a long time resident here, returned with boxes of photographs, bows and arrows manufactured here and historical artifacts. It was all pre-designed to fit a 12 foot by 12 foot room on

the second floor of the museum and tell the story of Bear's relationship with the local community.

46 Years Ago

July 16, 1964

A new feature for entertainment will open soon in the county. It is the miniature golf course located just outside the west city limits on M-72, operated by Clare Madsen Jr. The 18-hole course is expected to be in operation either this week or next.

Crawford County is one of 40 counties in the state where there was an increase in new active cases of tuberculosis last year.

William Kraus, who joined the staff of Grayling State Bank in June, was elevated to the post of vice-president by board action. Mr. Kraus, a Grayling native, graduated from Grayling High School and attend the University of Detroit prior to going into the service during World War II.

69 Years Ago

July 17, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Trudeau have purchased the property of Guy Hall of Leslie, that adjoins their's at McIntyre's Landing, Lake Margrethe. The purchase included a cottage, household furniture, a boat and

motor. They plan to build another cottage on the property and both will be for rental purposes.

Someone accidentally started a fire between the Paul Jones and C. Rowland cabins Sunday at Camp Arrowhead, but by quick action of the Crawford and Kalkaska fire wardens, no great damage was done.

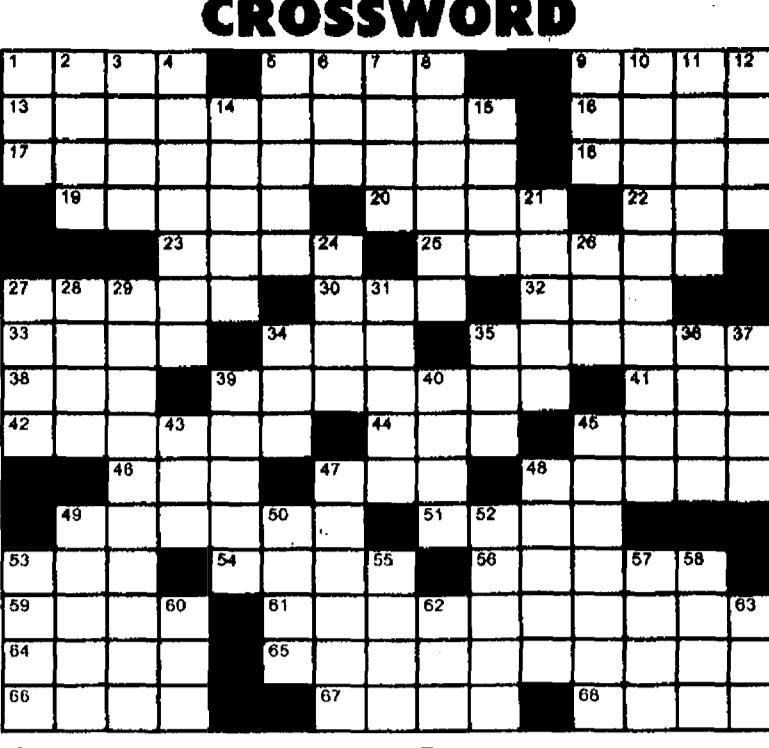
92 Years Ago

July 18, 1918

Floyd McClain left for Detroit Sunday to become a member of the Ringling circus band. He is a trombone player and also plays the piano very well.

Frank Lydell, an employee at the Fish Hatchery, while fishing in the East Branch below the hatchery, caught a fine German brown trout that measured 24 inches and weighed 7 pounds.

Fire supposed to have been caused from electrical wires, destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson, corner of Ogemaw and Maple Streets early Saturday. About 12:30 a.m. Mr. Olson, who was home alone, was awakened by neighbors saying the house was on fire. Going up to the attic, they discovered that it has started just where the electric light wires came into the house. Only the lower part of the house stands now.



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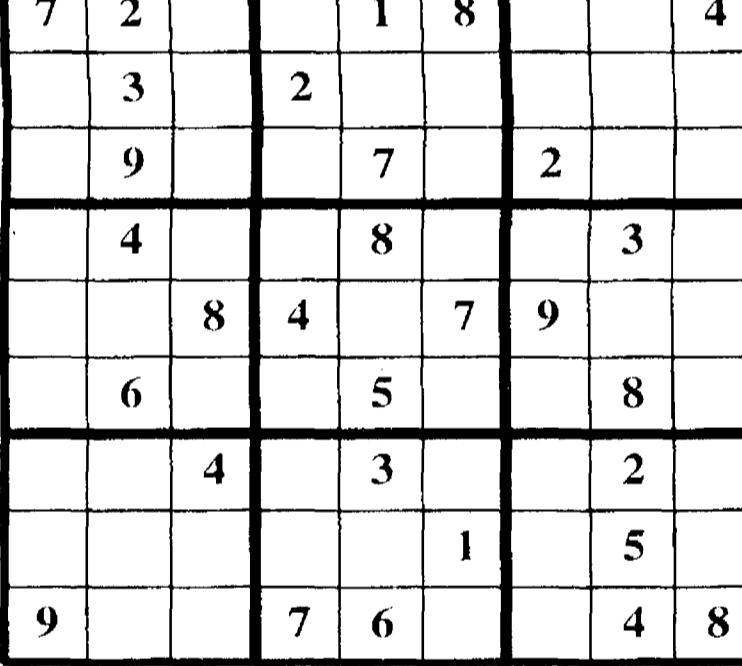
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5. "My ___!"
9. New news
13. Reviewing
16. Overabundance
17. Long-distance message transmission
18. Battering wind
19. Camelot, to Arthur
20. Achy
22. Animation
23. Not yet final, at law
25. Proceed with bobbing
27. Character
30. "___ not!"
32. Ring bearer, maybe
33. It may get into a jamb
34. Aged
35. Home of Southern Utah University football
38. Matterhorn, e.g.
39. Suspended
41. #13
42. Breakfast cereal
44. Ceiling
45. Boris Godunov, for one
46. Grassland
47. Antiquity, in antiquity
48. Out of date
49. Tea party necessity
51. Cleaning implement
53. "48___"
54. Barbara's "A Star Is Born" co-star
56. West African trade language
59. Brewer's equipment
61. Rebel
64. ___ podrida
65. Islamic leaders' dominions
66. Send to the canvas
67. Arcing shots
68. Acquire

Down

1. Boeing 747, e.g.
2. "Your turn"
3. Bucks
4. Former first lady
5. Injures
6. In-flight info, for short
7. Saws with the grain
8. Listening to Muzak, maybe
9. ___ roll
10. Without taste
11. Garden bulb
12. Check
14. Hybrid fruit
15. Greek sandwich
21. Bumper sticker word
24. Doing nothing
26. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ___"
27. ___ cheese
28. Sweet-smelling balsam
29. "___ Devoted to You"
31. Tennyson poem
34. ___-Wan Kenobi
35. Armageddon
36. Nestling hawk
37. Arid
39. "Wellaway!"
40. Boosts
43. Caribbean, e.g.
45. Flat
47. Larger than life
48. Take illegally
49. Start of a refrain
50. Type of acid
52. Thrashes
53. Catch
55. Aria, e.g.
57. Fill
58. Fishing, perhaps
60. Chinese "way"
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63. Cooking meas.

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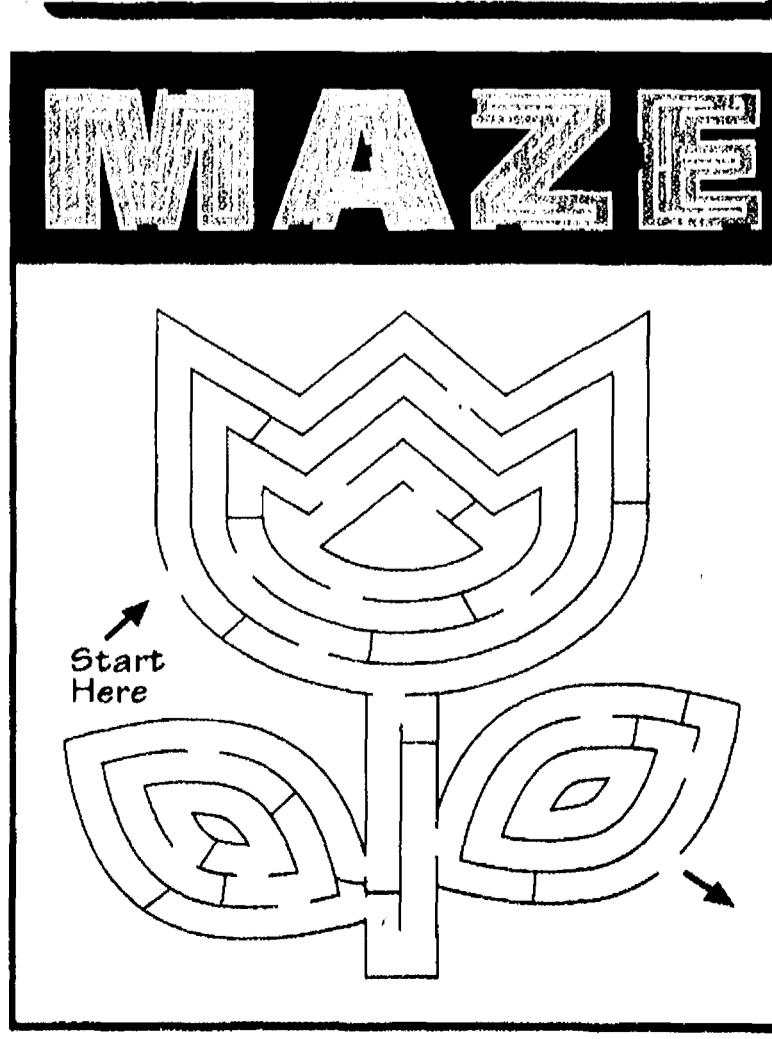
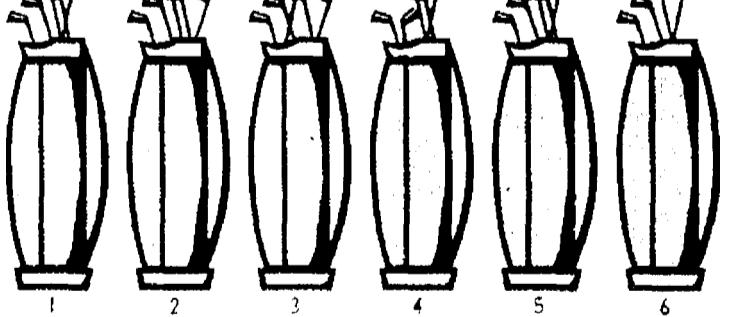
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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast							
Date	High	Rain Inches		Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
7/06	87	71	0.83						
7/07	88	67	0						
7/08	85	68	0.10	High 84	High 85	High 85	High 84	High 81	High 81
7/09	85	64	0.15	Low 62	Low 64	Low 63	Low 60	Low 59	Low 62
7/10	83	54	0						
7/11	85	55	0.22	Sparted T-Storms	Sunny	Sunny	Scattered T-Storms	Sunny	Sunny
7/12	85	63	0.04						

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

LAYERED MOUSSE BITES

Ingredients:

- 2 pkg. (3 oz. each) Strawberry Flavor Gelatin
- 2-1/2 cups boiling water
- 2 cups thawed Whipped Cream Topping

Directions:

ADD boiling water to gelatin mixes in medium bowl; stir with whisk 2 min. until completely dissolved. Stir in Whipped Cream until well blended.

POUR into 8-inch square pan.

REFRIGERATE 3 hours or until firm. Cut into 36 pieces.

Prep Time: 10 min
Total Time: 3hrs. 32mins
Makes: --9 servings

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2. For Rent

CHOICE OF TWO HOUSES near town. 2 BR/1 Bath, W/D hook up, non smoking, small pets only, \$450/mo, 941-650-7946, 989-348-9116. (-7/8/10/tf/2)

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2. For Rent

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FOR RENT 1 BEDROOM apartment, located in town. \$500 per month, utilities included. Call 989-370-2745 or 989-710-1194. (-7/1/10/tf/2)

COME TO LOST ACRES Large 4 bedroom house; \$495, 2 bedroom mobile home, \$375 - both plus utilities, tiny 1 room cabin \$250 includes utilities. No pets allowed on property. 231-590-3699 or toll free 877-227-6976. 11004 - 11010 North Old US 27, Frederic. (-7/8/10/tf/2)

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH, close to Lake Margrethe, great view, natural gas. \$650 month, security deposit, lease. 348-4443. (-7/15/10/tf/2)

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 month plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-15-22-29-5/2)

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2 PLUS BEDROOM, 2 baths for rent on 2.5 acres. All appliances and dishwasher and washer/dryer. Utilities not included, Frederic. \$650 month, negotiable. 745-3370. (-15/2)

2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

Medical Technologist

Full-Time - 2:00pm - 12:30am. Bachelor's of Science in Medical Technology or related field with ASCP registry or equivalent from an accredited clinical laboratory certifying agency. If qualified and interested, resumes can be emailed to jnorton@wbrmc.org, faxed to 989.343.9459 or mailed to the Human Resources Department, West Branch Regional Medical Center, Department 2, 2463 S. M-30, West Branch, Michigan 48661

3. Employment

PART TIME help wanted. Apply at Grayling Laundromat, across from Feeney Ford, between noon and 8 p.m. (-15/3)

THE RAMADA HOTEL

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8. Announcements

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

HALL FOR RENT

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Redskins football sign-ups Thursday, July 22 Grayling City Park 6:00pm - 8:00pm & Saturday, August 7 from 9:00am - Noon at the Redskins Field. Practices for the 2010 season will begin Monday August 9. For further information: Barb 710-0090 (football) or Rhonda at 745-5243 (cheerleading).

8. Announcements

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09/tf/8)

FREE SOUP, SALAD & FRUIT bar with purchase of all-you-can-eat spaghetti \$7.99, Wednesdays 4 pm - 9 pm, at Grayling Big Boy. (-11/26/09/tf/8)

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9. Personals

10. Garage Sale

1317 LITTLE JOHN AVE. Fri., July 16 and Sat., July 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Teen girl formal dresses, teen girl sizes 0 - 5 Hollister, AE, Abercrombie etc. Purses, shoes, accessories, women's clothing, some mens, girls Columbia coats and matching snow pants. Clothing is clean and in good condition. Household and holiday decor, 19" flat screen monitor (like new), Panasonic fax machine, printer, weight bench, boxing bag, beanie babies and much more. Located off Ole Dam Rd. (-15/10)

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10. Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE July 16 - 17, 9 - 4. 2716 Jones Lake. Amatuer radios and equipment, 5th wheel hitch, dishes, games and much more. (-15/10)

OLD LOG CABIN full of antiques, fishing and hunting items, coins, tools, guns, pocket knives, old toys, marbles, cast iron, salt and pepper shakers, old dolls, dishes, lots more. Route 612 between Jones Lake Road and Hartwick Pines Road. Canoe Marathon weekend July 21-23, 9 - 6. Saturday 8 - 11, Rain or Shine. (-15/22/10)

BIG YARD SALE

Something for everyone. July 15, 16 & 17, 9 to 6. 8340 W. Fletcher Rd (west of Military Rd.) (-15/10)

ESTATE/GARAGE SALE

Vintage treasures, canning, a bit of everything. Winnebago. Rain or Shine. 1830 Island Park (off Evergreen Dr.) Grayling, 16 - 18, 9 a.m. - ? (-15/10)

YARD SALE 3 FAMILY

July 16, 17, 18. 15270 S.E. Oak Dr., Grayling, M-72 west. RC model airplane, plus size clothes, furniture, tools, lots more. (-15/10)

MULTI FAMILY SALE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 15, 16 & 17. 200 Fulton, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bedroom and other misc. furniture. Vintage and household items. Clothing from teens to adult. Books and video tapes, plus much more. (-15/10)

GARAGE SALE 801

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10. Garage Sale

AusSable Trail. July 16, starts at 9 a.m. (-15/10)

FRIDAY - SUNDAY 16, 17 & 18, 9 - 5. 4321 W. M72. Turn east at Burger King on M72, just past Industrial Pkwy. on the right. All kinds of items, except no clothes. More items added daily. (-15/10)

YARD SALE 7/16 - 7/18, 10 - 4. Crossbow, compound bow, lots of brand new fishing items. 6232 M-72 West. (-15/10)

DONATIONS

of clean, saleable items are needed for AusSable Valley Animal Shelter's Big Garage Sale. No clothing, large furniture, or appliances. Collection days: Only Sunday thru Wednesday, July 18-21 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Ruley's house, 2550 W M 72, just two miles east of Grayling.

Donations will not be accepted at the shelter due to lack of storage space. Also, please lend us a table for the sale. Any questions, call Cheryll at 619-0473. (-15/22/10)

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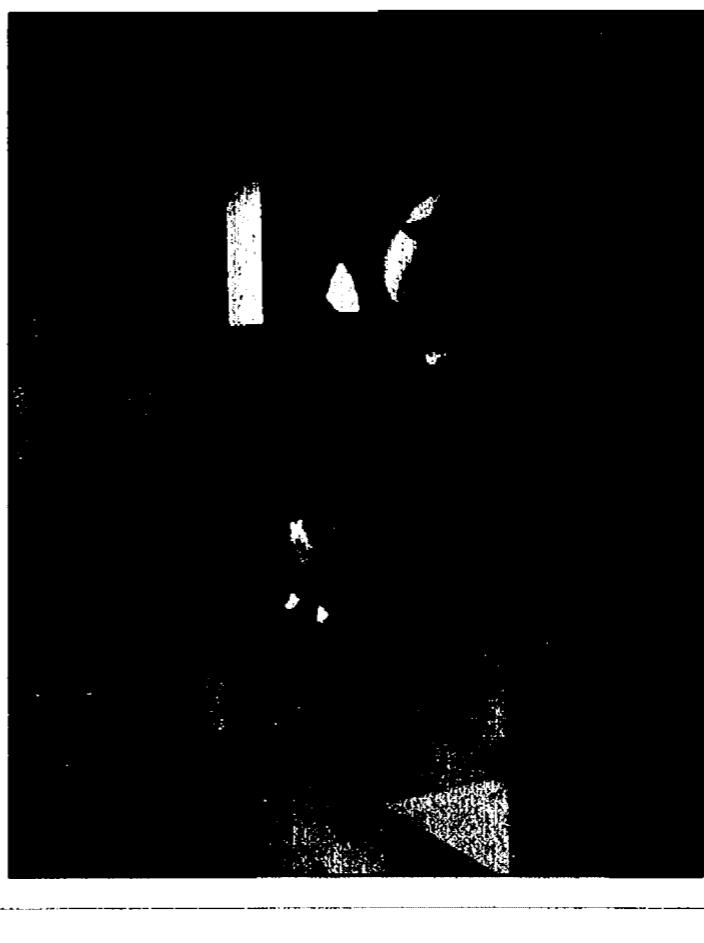
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New cat climbing equipment installed at AVAS



Carefully inspecting the colorful new climbing equipment recently installed in the cat room at AuSable Valley Animal Shelter in Grayling are from left, Ashley, Chowder, Harrison and Rico. This addition provides the stimulus cats need to stay happy and healthy while awaiting adoption. Materials for the project were donated by Pro Build of Grayling and McLean's Ace Hardware. Terry Green built it, his wife, Peggy (a shelter board member) painted it, and Brian Feldhauser installed it. The shelter is full with about 30 cats and kittens in need of new homes.

Argentina teen to perform for AuSable River Festival

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

An angelic voice from Argentina will be heard in Grayling next week to entertain locals and visitors during the AuSable River Canoe Marathon and Festival.

Milagros Ceballos Serra, sometimes called Millie by her friends, will arrive in Grayling to perform at a number of locations during the AuSable River Festival.

She was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina in February 1992. Her name, Milagros, translates to "miracles" and all who know her believe that is true.

Serra was raised in a home where everyone shares a great love of music and art. She has had the support of her entire family to develop her musical vocation.

Clarine Jorella, treasurer for the Lions Club of Grayling, has known the Serra family for years.

Jorella worked for 25 years as the executive meeting planner for the board of directors for Kimberly-Clark. The company's well-known family care and personal care products include Kleenex, Scott, Andrex, Huggies, Pull-Ups, Kotex, Poise and Depend, and are sold in more than 80 countries.

Serra's father, Guillermo, serves as legal counsel and human resources director for Kimberly-Clark in Buenos Aires, which is the capital

of Argentina.

Serra sings rock songs, ballads, sings songs written by other artists as well as originals. She sings in Spanish and English.

"She's a very, vibrant entertainer," Jorella said.

"She's an incredible young woman," added Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore, who is a Lions Club of Grayling member.

Serra is a student of journalism, piano studies and writes short stories and songs.

Serra's first public appearance was at a party with more than 250 guests where she sang on a table so the guests could see her. She was only 10 years old. Since then, she has continued to study singing with some of the best teachers in Argentina.

During school, Serra studies Spanish in the morning and English in the afternoons. After school is filled with dance, voice and skating lessons, followed by dinner and homework.

"I decided they (the Argentinians) sleep hardly at all," Jorella. "I don't see how they can sleep. They are so busy, but that's the lifestyle that they live."

For several years Serra has performed in many musical comedies, dramas and dances. She has performed at many concerts in Argentina.



Milagros Serra

Serra, 18, feels and lives each of the songs she performs as if it were her last.

She is about to release her first album, "Awakens Sleeping." The album contains songs such as "I Don't Want," "With It or Without Me," "Hero Comic Book" and "I'm Going for Your Love."

During her visit to Grayling, she will perform at:

• Noon on Tuesday, July 20 in the Crawford County Courthouse lobby.

• 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21 at Dharma Music.

• 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 22 at the Crawford County Library.

• 6:40 p.m. on Friday, July 23 at the AuSable Valley Inn (formerly Ramada Inn) for the Special Olympians and Paddlers Dinner.

• 12:40 p.m. on Saturday, July 24 at the Car Show in downtown Grayling.

• 3 p.m. Saturday during the AuSable River Festival Parade.

• 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday during the pre-AuSable River Marathon entertainment.

"We wanted to give her as much exposure and let her entertain as many people in Crawford County as we could," Jorella said. That's why she's coming up here and is going to sing her heart out for Crawford County."

Her father and mother, Viviana, and guitarist Joaquin Credito will join Serra.

The website to get a taste of Serra's music is <http://www.milagrosweb.com>.

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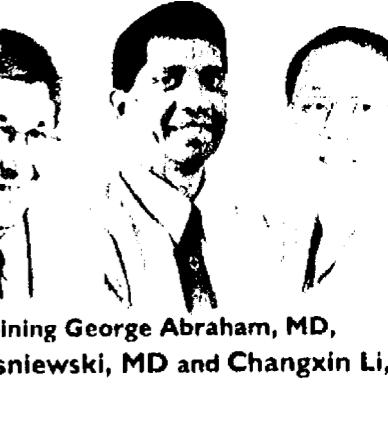
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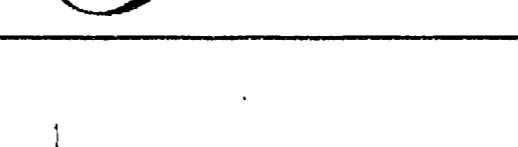


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